

Hunter Students Shiver in Classes As 6,500 Assemble in Main Building

For the first time in seventeen years, Hunter College students, 6,500 strong, came together under one roof yesterday. Two thousand and two hundred Bronx students, transferred to the main building in Sixty-eighth Street to make room for the Waves and the Spars, and an incoming freshman class used the building for the first time. In order to accommodate the increased number of students, classes were held in Public School 76 and in the adjoining high school building.

What probably would have been an average day was turned into confusion by near-zero weather. Instructors moved classes from frigid upper floors of the sixteen-story building to the warmer lower floors. In some rooms the temperature remained at 32 degrees and in almost all classes students sat in overcoats. Many girls were forced to run two blocks between the main building and Public School 76 in the fifteen minutes allotted for class changes.

The student cafeteria staff also felt the strain. Mrs. Theo Thompson Roberts, manager of the Com-

mons, reported that she had been forced to double almost all food orders. The faculty cafeteria also was crowded to capacity, with 300 instead of the usual 160 instructors eating there.

Dean Ann Anthony, adviser to the freshman and sophomore classes, said that the situation had its brighter side. In previous terms these classes had been divided with those residing uptown assigned to the Bronx buildings. Dean Anthony believes that under the new arrangement "greater unity will bring greater harmony." She expressed the hope that the new plan would enable freshmen through association with older students, to gain a more mature viewpoint.

Pupils in the Hunter College elementary schools also were affected by the crowded conditions. They began a new system of sessions yesterday. Older pupils arrived early for the "dawn shift." They were followed an hour later by the "sun shift." At 12:30, the "swing shift" came on. Certain "regulars" continued to report at 8 A. M.